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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I live in a city where there are only two providers and would like to see more competition from other companies. These providers charge a high price for their services. I would like to see more competition so that I would not always have to pay for that increase in the cost of internet and telephone services that providers seem to do every year when your so-called "bundle package" is up. I use my internet service every day and would like to see lower prices on it. It would seem to me that if more competition was out there the better the consumer would be. I use the telephone service and would like to see a basic fee without any additional cost involved.

In this "modern day and age" it would seem with more of technology out there that the cost of internet and telephone usage would come down instead of up and with more and more of the rural areas being committed to using the internet that this service would become less in cost and more in helping our fellowman explore the world through this use. So competition with other providers is essential in making that happen.

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